



## **AST Announces New Faculty Member David Csinos Joins AST as Assistant Professor, Ministry Studies**

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr. David Csinos will be joining the faculty of AST as Assistant Professor, Ministry Studies effective June 1, 2016.

David Csinos is an entrepreneur in ministry and education. He is a creative scholar with a passion for missiology and homiletics who demonstrates energy, inventiveness, and an ability to experiment. He founded and leads Faith Forward, an organization dedicated to innovative theology and practice, and has developed local and international networks. Skilled in the use of new technologies and pedagogies associated with distributed learning, Mr. Csinos understands the importance of technology both in the classroom and in service of the church.

Mr. Csinos is a Ph.D. candidate in the field of Practical Theology at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology and expects to be defending his dissertation within the next several months. He also has a Master of Theology degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary and a Master of Theological Studies from McMaster University, in addition to a B.A. in Religion and Culture from Wilfrid Laurier. He has taught at the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Toronto, and Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois.

David Csinos is committed to ecumenism and is pursuing ordination in the Baptist tradition as a member of the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms.

AST's mission is to advance Christ's mission by shaping faithful and effective leaders. To enhance our reach, impact and relevance we are pursuing a "Draw the Circle Wide" strategy: strengthening our connection to our founding denominations, reaching out to new denominations, and engaging with students in a wide variety of vocations and locales.

This calls for AST to enhance and leverage our capacity for distributed education and to develop our effective use of new technologies. To meet the emerging leadership needs of churches and faith communities we need to shape leaders who are pastoral and entrepreneurial. It therefore makes sense to recruit faculty who demonstrate these talents and qualities, and Mr. Csinos is an excellent fit with these requirements.

AST is widely recognized for our outstanding faculty, and David Csinos is an exciting addition to a team which sets the bar high. At AST I believe Mr. Csinos will make his own significant contribution to the study and practice of theology, to development of our students, and to the future of the university. Please join me in welcoming and congratulating him.

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President, Atlantic School of Theology